Metro vandalism

2610. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the incidents of vandalism in Delhi Metro trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether vandalism and littering are now a common feature in Delhi Metro trains;

(d) if so, the steps taken to save the 'pride of the city'; and

(e) the amount of damage so far done to Metro trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There have been some cases of vandalism involving breaking of strap hangars, saloon glasses, window glasses and front look-out glasses of metro coaches.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Following steps have been taken to prevent vandalism and littering:-

(i) Deployment of private security guards at all strategic locations on the route on which Metro is operating. These guards cover all the strategic locations and are of considerable help in preventing such incidents.

(ii) Deployment of Delhi Metro Rail Police-The Delhi Police has positioned a dedicated cadre of policemen drawn from their own ranks for the ovarall safety and security of Delhi Metro.

(iii) Delhi Metro's own front line staff positioned at stations and in trains keep an eye on the traffic flow and prevents such incidents.

(e) Rs. 1.45 lakh.